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Dear Mr. Glickman,



I have only just learned that genetically modified foods are not required to be labeled as such by your department. I am appalled and deeply concerned.

To the best of my ability I consume only organically grown foods. I spend the extra money on organic foods because I want to consume the purist foods available. Genetically altered foods do not fit my definition of pure foods. Altered foods are by definition not pure foods. I think most Americans would agree if they were given the opportunity to become informed on the subject. The European Union and 120 other countries do not want to accept genetically altered foods that are not labeled as such.

I think you are failing the mission of your office in letting this situation persist. It is your duty to protect the American food supply. It is not your job to protect the bottom line of the food producing conglomerates. Please, do your job. Please, mandate that all genetically altered foods be clearly labeled as such.

Sincerely,

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